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A ſhort, But a

Strict Account

Taken of

BABYLONS MERCHANTS

VVho are now Forcing the Sale of their Old, Ruſty, Cankered Ware, upon the People of theſe Nations.

And a ſtretching them out by their Line, (which as they ſay) is the Scriptures in the New Teſtament, as they call Themſelves Chriſtian Miniſters; Alſo a comparing them with thoſe that ſpake them forth as their Examples, that all People may ſee with whom they run Parale1.

By one that hath fed upon the Whores Fleſh theſe many Years, Handed to him by theſe Merchants, and their Brethren; But now Witneſſeth it in him Conſumed by Fire.

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To the
READER.

READER,

WHoever Thou art, or to whose hands this may come to be Read, be not hasty to Judge, or Censure, before thou hast, with that which is just of God in thy Conscience, weighed the thing, and then with that, moderately Judge, and Honestly in the sight of God, search the Scriptures, which maketh mention of a Christian Ministry and Ministers, and see if amongst them all a Paralel be found of our Ministrie of England, in this Generation, (who calls themselves Ministers of the Gospel, and of Christ Jesus,) either in Call, Doctrine, Practice, Maintenance, Life, or Conversation; and if by true search, and by measuring and compareing them, they be found neither to answer Rule, nor Example, spoken of in the Scriptures of Truth, where mention is made of Christian Ministers, thou wilt and must with me conclude, that they are to be denyed; for such as is found in the Words, and not in the Life, are false, Being compared with them who in the Life spake the words that they now Read and Preach out of the Life, which is Abomination and a Lie; For the Scriptures that were spoken forth by the Apostles, and Ministers of Christ Jesus, through the motion of the Eternal Spirit, were not left upon Record for that end, for to be a Foundation to build Inventions, and Imaginations there upon; And so declare and Preach People into the Words, but not into the Life of the Words, which the Ministers of Christ did; For they said, be ye followers of us, as we are of Christ Jesus; So here the Life and Words were not seperated, but went together; now the Life and Words are devided, and so the form of Godlinesse, but not the Power, is held forth; And such as are Ministers of the Form, we are commanded to turn from, and not own in the least; Now if they be found Paralel with Antichristian Ministers which were such as had the form, but denyed the Life, let them be esteemed even such as they are, for that is a thing just and equal, to say or speak of men even as they

they are, and no otherwise, being the Tree is known by his Fruits; *I have not the least hatred or prejudice upon me, to these mens persons who calls themselves Christian Ministers, the Lord God bears me record; but to that which works the wonders of deceit and lyes, in the Creature, I have absolute enmity with, and it is that which in the fear of the* Lord God I *testifie,* with my Life, Soul, and Spirit, *against, and my whole strength; that the Creature may know to witnesse Redemption from the Bondage, with which it is (aptivated, and may come to be set free; which cannot be done, till the mind come to be turned to a measure of Gods Spirit, manifest in the Creature; by which thou wilt see, and know what is thy duty in short, both to God and man, as he hath (unto thee) made it known; that is to do justly, love Mercy, walk Humbly with thy God,* Mic. 6. 8, *And professe what thou wilt, I tell thee, except thou comes to have thy mind turned to the Light of Christ Jesus, which is his manifestation in thee, thy profession will not hid nor cover thee, from the day that is coming upon all Hypocrites, both Teachers and Hearers, and all Drunkards, Swearers, Whore-mongers, Lyars, and all profane Persons whatsoever, which is for the Lake of Gods fearful vengence, except true Repentance be witnessed, and the evil turned from.*

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GO to now ye Merchants of *Babylon*, who are now in this day bringing forth and exposing to Sale, your old Cankered, Rusty and moth-eaten ware, unto the People of this Nation of *England*; for in the *Light* of the Lord God I have beheld you, which maketh both you and your confused ware manifest; Rage not, neither be you angry if you be brought to your *Rule*, which you say is the Scripture, and to your examples which are they that spake them forth, and you thereby measured and compared. First you call your selves *Christian Ministers* (if so) we will see whether you run paralel with the Christian Ministers in the Scriptures of Truth mentioned, if you do; then you are to be owned, if not, then to be denyed; The Disciples who were followers of Jesus was sent forth into his Ministry; and his comand was, *Provide neither Gold, nor Silver, nor Brass in your purses, nor Scrip for your journey, neither two Coats, neither shoos, nor yet staves; for the work-man is worthy of his meat; and whatsoever Citie they did enter, they were to enquire who in it was worthy, and there abide till they went thence*, and they did so, *Mat.* 10. And they were *freely to give* as they had received; and when they returned they were asked *if they lacked any thing*, and they said nay; now what is your Rule for your indenting with people in a Parish, and saying I will be your Minister, provided *you will give me so much a year*, and if they will not give it you, you will be none of their Minister, but looks out for a better Market; Is your Rule for this in Scripture, and where is your example for so doing? do you answer your examples? (the Disciples of Jesus) you dare not say you do; then why are you to be owned Christian Ministers, answering neither Rule nor example in Scripture; neither are you Gospel Ministers; for the Gospel of Christ is *the Power of God*, and the Power of God you never knew, neither witnessed; and the Gospel of Jesus owns no such Ministers as you, neither doth the true Church of whom *Christ is Head*, and whose *Faith* he is *defender of*, know any such as you are to Minister unto them; and where is your Rule in Scripture for the compelling your false maintenance

maintenance by *Tythes*, *and ſueing men at Law*, and not only ſo, but caſting into Priſon and taking treble damage; did ever the Miniſters of Chriſt do ſo? Read the Scripture and ſee Chriſts Comand was, *Sue no man at the Law*; and theſe pretended Chriſtian Minſte:s, they take no notice of that, as though his comands were not to be obſerved in this generation; you take not them the Apoſtles ſpeaks of for your examples; *that wandered up & down in ſheep-skins and Goat-skins, & lye in dens and Caves of the Earth, and had no certain dwelling place, of whom the World was not worthy*; But your condition is far otherwiſe, for you have certain dwelling places, if not the beſt in a Pariſh, the ſecond beſt; and ſo the world that lyeth in wickedneſs is worthy of you, and you Miniſter unto them; I have even ſtood amazed when I have beheld you, as you are every way in deceit in your Functions, or trades, your calls unto it, your names, your geſtures, and actions, your lives and converſations, and all falſe and a lye; becauſe you call your ſelves *Chriſtian Miniſters* and are not, But Antichriſtians; for in nothing you paralel the true Miniſters, but in many things the falſe, as I ſhall make it appear, for the ſake of the Ignorant, amongſt whom is your chief ſeat; the Scriptures maketh mention of two ſorts of Miniſters (that is to ſay) *of Chriſt and of Antichriſt*; Miniſters of Chriſt you cannot ſay you are, becauſe you examplifie not Chriſts Miniſters mentioned in Scriptures; if you were, your *Fruits* would declare it, for by your *Fruits* you are known; and ſo in the Light of Chriſt your cheat is ſeen; for truly never did *I* hear or read of amongſt all the Trades-men and merchandizing Artiſts in the world, ſo groſs and ſordid a cheat, as Preaching in your way; the general Term of preaching amongſt you is called (Soul cure.)

I have often asked of ſeveral of the Bretheren of your function, to ſatisfie me *what the Soul is*, that the great out-cry is made about, which is by your medicine to be cured; and I never could be ſatisfied, neither anſwered; but ſome would ſay one thing ſome another; One ſaid *it could not be defined becauſe* it *comprehended the Body with all its faculties*; *and the Leſſer never comprehended the Greater, but the greater the leſs*; and ſo being ignorant of the ſoul or what it is, your cure is you

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know not what, or to what, and ſo truly Phyſitians worth nothing; where is your paralel in Scripture of this? Search the Scriptures, the Miniſters of Chriſt ſpake *what they knew*, and teſtified *what they had ſeen*, and what they had *taſted*, *felt*, *and handled*, even the *Good Word of Life*, that they Miniſtred unto the true Church; and they were edified, confirmed and ſtrengthened by it, and in it; That which is imortal was known, and ſo they knew what their Miniſtry was too; And ſuch Miniſters I own, Love, and can receive, and have unity with; for ſuch in this day are not to you known, but as enemies, and ſo you deal with them, and perſecute and impriſon them; If there was nothing elſe to make you manifeſt, it would make you *Antichriſts Miniſters*; for the Miniſters of Chriſt never perſecuted, nor impriſoned any for Conſcience ſake; ſearch the Scriptures, and if you find that ever the Miniſters did ſo, call me lyar; and if you cannot, rail not upon me if I call you deceivers, and Antichriſt, for you are ſo aſſuredly.

I have ſomething to ſay to your Medicine, which you pretend to cure Souls with; I would ask whether it be *a Simple*, *or a Compound*? You will hardly ſay it is a *Simple*, becauſe it is made as of ſo many *Fragments*, and of divers ſorts, therefore a *Compound*; I ſhall ſpeak ſomething to ſome of your *Ingredients* you uſe in the Compoſition ſo much cryed up; firſt you have *Prayer*, called *Common*, and indeed ſo it is, I hardly know any thing more Common, except *Curſing*, *and Swearing*.

You have *Muſick*, called *Organ*, with *Surplice*, *Tippit*, *Hood*, *Scarfe*, *Girdle*, and a hideous noiſe of ſinging (which the Lord God will turn into howling) with *Men* and *Boyes*, trained up in that exerciſe; and there is a thing called an *Altar*, with *Raiſes* to fence it in, and there is *bowing*, and *cringing* to a many *turned Pillars*; then there is a getting up into a thing called a *Pulpit*, and there is a Prayer as an *Exordium* to the Preachers Oration, then a verſe, or part of a verſe out of Scripture is taken, to be his *Theam*, or *Text*; and then he raiſes Doctrines, conſequences, uſes, and applications, and ſo rakes many *Old Authors*, *as Jerom*, *Ambros*, *Auguſtine*, *Baſil*, *Calvin*, and *Luther*, with many ſeveral others not here mentitioned,

oned; and so an hour or there abouts, puts an end to that *Market*, where this *Medicine* for *soul-cure* is sold, and the sale of it is much more abominable and a greater cheat, then the thing it self, if possible; For in the first place, they sell it at an exceeding dear rate, and when they have sold it, they have it again, and doth so, may be ten or twenty times over, and many times more; and when the poor people comes to consider what they have had for their money, and comes to examine it with the *Light of Christ Jesus*, then they see they have had nothing but *a Lye* all along; and if I should know any Trads-man either *Manual*, or *Artist*, whatsoever, should so deal, as to sell his Commodities, and have it again, once, much more so many times over, truly I should post him up for a *Cheat*, and a *Jugler*, and ever renounce having dealings with him more; now you out-strip all *Tradsmen*, or *Artists* whatever, in selling your *Medicine*, (called *soul-cure*) for if any that are convinced of the deceit of your ware, refuse to buy of you, you have a Law to compel them to buy; if they will not buy, nevertheless you will have their money, which is a thing not practiced in any publick Market or Shop in *England*, or in the World (I may say) except in your own; for if men come into a publick Market, or Shop, the sales-man of what Trade soever, doth not compel any to buy their ware, but leaves all to their freedom for their money; neither do they sue men at Law, and cast into Prison, and when they have their bodies there, they do not *plunder* and spoyl their Goods, as you do; Now if it were lawful for any Trads-men so to do, I should think it should (rather) be lawful for such as sold something for their money; for what you sell, is neither *Meat*, *Drink*, *nor Cloth*, but a *Jugle*, and a *Lye*; for not only I, but many thousands in this Nation, hath left dealing in your Moth-eaten ware; Rage not because it is so called, for it is so, *The Light of Christ Jesus hath manifested it*, And this I speak to your torment, that Thousands, and ten Thousands, hath in these Nations for ever renounced your *Sorcery*, *and Witchcraft*, GLORY, GLORY to God be given for ever, and for ever.

And though you gather some *heat* from the *Sun*, that is newly arisen, and from it receive some small vigor, and like the

the *Insects*, and the *Reptilia* of the Earth, who creep out of their holes, as they feel the Suns warmth, by which they are vivified and made strong; yet know such are not *Parmanent*, but the withdrawing of the Suns heat from them, some returns to their holes, and some perish; You may take this as a figure, for the Lord will cause the *Sun* to set, which hath quickened you; Then what will become of you? You will desire strongly to set with it also, but you shall not; *For there is a cup prepared for you, being mixed with Plagues, Woes, Miseries, Sorrows, Torments, and Eternal burnings*, which you shall not passe; for you are found from the Lord God worthy, *and a treble portion is to be given unto you*; And so much for your unparaleld fraud of your Soul Cure, which you impudently force the sale of, upon people whether they will or nay, for which there is no example to be found amongst all Christian Ministers, mentioned in Scriptures, neither amongst sober Tradsmen.

We have somewhat to say, as to your entering into that Trade, or Function, which you call, *Soul Cure*; How came you thither? Prove your call, according to the Scripture, which you say is your Rule, and see with whom you run Paralel; The Apostles were made Ministers *by the will of God, and not by the will of man*; You are made Ministers by the will of man, and not by the will of God; therefore you run not paralel with them, who were Ministers of Christ; And as to your Names, Orders, Gestures, and Inventions, being no example is found amongst the Ministers of Christ, they are all out of the Life and Truth, & for Judgement; You assume to your selves names of *Bishops*, *Deacons*, &c. There is such names mentioned in Scripture, but what is that to you? are you ever the more to be reverenced, because of these names? (Nay,) except you were found in the Life of those the Scriptures speaks of, You are never the better for the name, but much the worse, except you be found in the Life of *Bishops and Deacons* spoken of, *Timothy* 3. 2, 3, 4, 5. &c. I own the name *Bishop*, and likewise *Deacon*, if they be as is there spoken of, *viz. Unreproveable, the husband of one Wife, Watching, Sober, Modest, given to Hospitality, apt to Teach, not given to Wine, no Stricker, not given to filthy Lucre, but Gentle, no fighter, not Co-*

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veteous; Let me ask of you, are you ſo in all, or any of theſe things? Let that which is juſt of God in all your Conſciences, (Judge and Anſwer) if you be not, blame us not for denying of you; for we cannot own any to be a *Biſhop*, or *Deacon*, over us, except the name and Life go together; Theſe *Biſhops and Deacons* mentioned in Scripture, had not only the names, but they had the Life, from which the name proceeds; You have the name and want the Life, and ſo ſtands in a Lye; And when we come to compare you with thoſe that were in the Life of Righteouſneſſe, which is ſo in deed, and not in name, you are found utterly falſe, and to be denyed of all that fear the Lord.

You have many old Names, whereby you diſtinguiſh your Orders, and Places, which the Scriptures of Truth neither knows nor owns; as *Deans*, *Arch-deacons*, *Prebends*, *Countrey Deanes*, *Biſhops*, called *Suffragans*, and ſeveral other; Whence had you or who gave you thoſe Names? Came not theſe from *Rome*? I am ſure the Miniſters of Chriſt left them not upon record in Scripture; ſo you cannot flie thither for ſhelter and refuge, neither can you cover your ſelves with their words; for *the Light of Chriſt Jeſus which is the Life* is ariſen, which doeth divide betwixt the Words and the Life, and hath ript up the falſe coverings, and ſo you ſtand quite naked, and *woe is to him that is covered, and not with the Spirit of the Lord.*

You likewiſe rage if any call you *Prieſt*, and ſwell, and take that to be *ignominious*; but know, *Prieſt* was a good Name in its time, ſuch as were once ordained of God; But ſeeing you are angry at that, we grudge not the name of *Miniſter* unto you; for the prodigal Son was once a *Miniſter*, yea, and an Hireling too, as ſome Tranſlators renders it, read *Luke* 15. 15. (as you are) Read what he Miniſtred, and to whom, but the Lord received him again after true Repentance, and then he left off ſerving of huſks.

And where is your example in Scripture, among the Miniſters of Chriſt? For your running to the powers of Earth, and crying unto them for help, to ſetle you in your livings, and to get your falſe maintenance, called *Tythes*; With whom run you paralel? (Can you anſwer) and ſeeing Chriſts Miniſters did not ſo, you muſt needs be Antichriſts;

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For there are but two ſorts of Miniſters, as I have ſaid; And where as you have ſaid and ſay, you are Chriſt Miniſters, and upon true ſearch it appeareth no ſuch thing, neither by your rule, nor example; Yet you run paralel with ſome mentioned in Scripture, (though not *Chriſtians*) and becauſe you rank your ſelves amongſt ſuch as were *Chriſtian Miniſters*, we will not go about to find out your paralel in the Old Teſtament; Though we might mention the orders of Prieſts there; for *Aarons* Order you have nothing to do with, for it was appointed of the Lord; Now there were other Orders of the Prieſts beſides *Aarons*, as *Baals* Prieſts, Prieſts of the *Grove*, and *Jezebels Chaplins*, which drew the ſame breſts as you do; But becauſe you ſay you are Chriſtian Miniſters, we ſhall ſay little more to them; But to thoſe which Chriſt and his Miniſters cried wo againſt, for they were in the ſame life you were in; The Scriptures of Truth make mention of ſuch *as loved greetings in the Markets, and the uppermoſt Roomes at Feaſts, and in the Synagogues, and Aſſemblies, and loved to be called of men Maſter*; And do you not theſe things? Is it not ſo that you love greetings in the Markets, and the uppermoſt Rooms in your Synagogues, and Aſſemblies, and at *Feaſts* eſpecially; and you dearly love to be called of men *Maſter*.

I will give you an inſtance of one of your Brethren of the (confuſed) *Function*, (though not of your *Order*) as he accounted himſelf; I met with him in the ſtreet, and he had ſome words with me, and I did call him by his Name, being known to me very wel; for he had often wrot his name as I called him; but the proud devil got up in him which would be called (*Maſter*) which was a name not for me to call him, except I had been his ſervant; and truly he denyed his name, and ſaid, *his name was Maſter ſuch a one, before ſuch a Generation as I was got up*; I asked him how he came by the name Maſter, for I told him I had aſſuredly ſeen him write his name otherwiſe; He told me *he had ſerved for it at the Univerſity, and would be ſo called*; And I told him that he that went by two names, was reckoned a cheat; Now you that loves to be called Maſter, do not call this man a fool in this, though truly he was ſo, except you your ſelves be clear of his folly, leaſt another

'may call you all fooles; for you as dearly love to be called so as he; *I* am sure though *I* never saw any man of that Coat manifest his folly so much, but as to his art he had as much to say in it as most of you all whatsoever; we are comanded to *call no man Master*, for One is our Master, even One that you know not, for if you did, you would dread and fear him; and we do ordinarily call men by those names as they call themselves in their writings, if it be truth; and if you run not paralel with the above mentioned in Scripture, being found in the same life and practice, let that which is Just of God in you judge; for *I* have laid you to your direct line, Read *Mat.* 23. the chapter through.

And the Scriptures of truth maketh mention of such as were *Blind guids*, and that if *the blind lead the blind they shall both fall into the Ditch*; now perhaps you will say you run not paralel with the blind guides there spoken of, but I shall make it appear; know you wherefore they were called *blind*, they had eyes as well as you, and yet they were so, because they could not see him who was come in the figure *or flesh*, to fulfill and put an end to all that they did profess and practice in their worship and Religion, according to the Cerimonies of the Law; and because they had been worshipping in the types shaddows, and cerimonies, which held forth Christ till he came in the figure or flesh, and when he was come and all these things in him fulfilled and ended, yet these that took upon them to be Teachers, Instructors, & guides of the people could not see him, but continued still in those things which in him was fulfilled and ended; now were not these *blind guides* justly so called; and were not they that were led by them blind also, answer me; and did not the blind lead the blind, and was not the *Pit* the end of their journey; and did not these blind guides seduce people from the Doctrine and faith of Christ? which said *which of the Rulers have believed on him*? was not this blind seducing? but perhaps you will say we cannot paralel with them, for we are *Christian Ministers*, & we believe he is come and hath fulfilled what is here mentioned; but I deny you are either Christs Ministers or yet believers, for if you were his Ministers, you would feed his flock, and not destroy them, & not Lord it over them as you do, & if you believed

lieved in him you would do his works; but doing neither, you are neither Christian Ministers nor believers; The Scripture of truth maketh mention of seducers, *Johns Epistle.* 1, 2. 26, 27.

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you, but the anointing of the Father which ye have received of him, abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you, but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth and is no lye, and even as it hath taught ye, you shall abide in him; now you that are Ministers of Confusion, *I* aske you is this Scripture true or is it false? if it be true, as *I* think you dare not be so impudent as say the contrary, then your ministry is at an end, and utterly to be denyed of all that have received the *anointing*, for they have received that *which is truth and no lye*; you deny *the Light of Christ within* which is the *anointing of the Father*; therefore your preaching is a lye, seducing and Antichrist, and utterly to be denyed; for as the blind guides saw not Christ when he came in the flesh, to end and fulfill all their worships which stood in the Cerimonies of the Law, so you blind guides in this generation, see not Christ come in spirit, to lead, and guide, and instruct his people by the pure measure of his light manifested in this age & generation; and all that hath received this, they have no need of your teaching; and therefore *let all flesh be silent before the Lord.*

And as the blind guides did of old, so do you now; for they persecuted Christ in the flesh, and you persecute him in spirit where ever he appears either in Male or Famale; and the blind guides would go on in their way, that was in their Temple worship, and observing dayes, and offering Sacrifices, though *their house were left unto them desolate*, and so do you go on in your way, though the witness of God rise in you to condemne you for so doing; yet I put a vast difference between the Jews worship and yours, for it was true as it was once comanded of God, and it was a type of Christs coming in the flesh; but yours was never comanded of God, therefore a lye, but invented of them that were enemies to the appearance of Christ every way; and *I* desire to know of you one thing, that is, what your worship is a type of, being you are enemies to the coming of Christ in spirit, and cannot indure

dure him where ever he appears, and what it is that must fulfill it; but this is a Doctrine you cannot endure to hear of, it is as the pangs of Death to you; what to speak of having your Doctrine to come to an end? how will those sayings be fulfilled *then Paul, allwaies learning & never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*? For this will please you better, that you may be ever teaching, though betwixt the *Womb* and the *Tomb*, people be never the better, but much the worse, and them that hangs on your Doctrine to the end, they are undone for ever.

Now Read your selves paralel with the blind guids.

And as to all your trinketts and inventions not worth nameing, and even as it were numberless, hath God chosen or required this at your hands, to be his worship, (if he have) then without doubt he hath chosen you to be Ministers, of it; but I am sure he hath neither chosen this for his worship, neither you for his Ministers, for this is the worship God hath chosen, *even spirit* and not art and invention; and so likewise his Ministers that he hath chosen, are poor, weak, dispised Ones, which is to the confounding of you and your Doctrine.

The Scripture maketh mention of one *Simon* which used sorcery and witch-crafts, read *Acts* 8,9. In some things you paralel him, for he used sorcery and bewitched people, But he believed and continued a season, and he profferd money for the gift of the *Holy spirit*, that he might do as the Apostles did, but he was cursed with his money, because he would purchas the gift of God with it, which is not to be done; now had it been possible that the gift of God could have been bought with money, however *Simon* (had bought the truth) and it is no doubt but he would have made sale of it again, he would have sold the truth though his end was cursed, because it was for gain; now you are found not to be of *Simons* mind, for you are far from buying the truth, for you buy lyes & sell them again, and hath them, and sells them again many times over; now *Simons* Condition was more innocent and harmless then yours, for there was a place of repentance found for him, and an exhortation unto it, *verse* 22. Truly I cannot say so of you, *I* desire I could.

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The Scripture maketh mention of one *Elymas* a ſorcerer, being by interpretation ſo called *Acts* 13.8. And with him you run paralel; for the Deputy having received the faith of Jeſus, he withſtood the Apoſtles and ſought to turn him away from it, but he was ſtruck with blindneſs which was his reward; and you do as your Brother did, for if any, eſpecially Rulers or men in Authority, do come to own the truth as it is manifeſt in them by the Light of Jeſus, Oh what ſtirring and ſtriving, by reviling and reproching, by ſhifts and lyes, do you make to ſmother and ſtifle it; and what calumnies, aſperſions, and ſlanders do you caſt upon the Miniſters there of, calling of them Seducers, Deceivers, Heathens, and Jeſuites, with many other filthy names, to turn the minds of any who have received it, from it again; and not ſo contented, but calls *the Light within* damnable Hereſie, damnable Blaſphemy, a Doctrine of Devils, Popery, and ſo forth; now is not this *Elymas* like (or worſe) for it may be he might not caſt ſo many ſlanders upon the Apoſtles and the faith, as you do upon them now who Miniſter in the faith; but *Elymas* withſtood the Apoſtles to turn the Deputie from the faith, & who knoweth but *Elymas* might have a great part of his gain from that Deputie; it is very probable that before he received the faith of Jeſus at the Apoſtles preaching, he might believe *Elymas* his ſorcery, and ſo truly *Elymas* might receive much pay for it of him, for Sorcerers and deviners, ſuch as *Elymas* and you are, gives not your comodities (*Gratis*) But are payd for them to purpoſe, as Thouſands of my Friends in *England* aud other parts can witneſs, though they receive none of your ſorcery, yet you take by violence their goods and money from them, like Theeves, and pretends a Law for it; Truely in this you outſtrip all your Brother-hood mentioned in Scriptures both in old and new Teſtament, as ever *I* read of; *I* have read of ſome who took the wages of unrighteouſneſs, But *I* know not whether (by force or nay) as you do; I never read of any that took treeble damage as you do, and yet wo was pronounced againſt ſuch who took ſuch wages, and if wo were their portion what will be yours who exceeds them in all their wickedneſs and abominations? ſurely, ſurely Hell hath enlarged her lips wide for you, and it was high time for *Elymas* to withſtand the

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Apoſtles and the Faith, being the Deputy had received it, and ſtand up for his God, which had received ſuch a knock, as could not be recovered, but by turning the Deputy who had received the Faith from it again; What a condition was *Elimas* in, his ſocery would not ſerve, for the Truth was received, therefore his God muſt famiſh; And truly ſo it is with you, for if any comes to receive the Truth, then comes your ſorcery and deceit to be made manifeſt; and though formerly it hath been accounted good ware, whilſt no better was known; But now that is ariſen in people in this Nation, which hath laid open all your deceits, and falſe cheats, and rips up all your deceitful coverings, and hath turned your inſide outward; I ſpeak not this only of you who are now the Merchants of the time, but I ſpeak of all, and of all orders whatſoever, called or known by, out of the Life of Truth, which the Lord God hath manifeſted by his Light, You are all utterly to be denied in the ſight of God for ever; and as to moſt of your brethren which you have ſupplanted, and turned out of their Markets and Shops, a while ſince they pleaded more right to them then you, now you plead more right to them then they, and ſo one brother ſupplanting another; Your need not deal ſo cruelly with them as many ſay you do, they are your brothers, for you have all one Mother, and hath ſucked all one breaſt, and ſo you are all of one nature, and they are as ready in the work of perſecution, and as active as you can be; Therefore according to the equity of that, they might joyn with you in your trading, as ſome already hath done, for they are very diligent and handie, and if they may not be allowed to be ſhop-keepers, let them be ſhop-ſweepers, for rather then ſit out, they will do any thing; I know they are ſtiffe and proud, but they muſt acknowledge you to be their Eldeſt brother, and your Father doth ſo compute you; But know this aſſuredly, you are brethren in iniquitie, and your whole lives, practices and profeſſions, being condemned by the Spirit of God, and the Apoſtles, and Scriptures, ſtands in a lie, and ſo to be denied of all that fear the Lord; You are even diſcovered and known to be as you are, *viz.* Antichriſts, Deceivers, Sorcerers, and ravening Wolves, and you rage, and your fury is kindled,

led, and casts out whole floods of slanders, and reproach-
es, after the Truth, because your God which is your
belly is in danger to be starved and famished, for you
know not, neither will you know, any way of pre-
paring your sacrifices for your God, but that cursed
way, that is, by extracting of them from the drops of
sweat that runs from other mens faces; for you abomi-
nate and abhor labour, and the Scriptures which saith,
*In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat thy bread, and he that will
not work shall not eat*, you seldom or never make use of,
and so you may offer fat Sacrifices unto your God
(which is your belly) obtaining them at those rates; but
know assuredly as you have taken and wrung the drops
of sweat from the faces of such as have had no dealings
with you, (especially) the Lord God hath put them
with their Tears also up into a bottle, which he keeps for
a perpetual memorial of their Innocent sufferings, & your
cruelty, and tyranny, & injustice; therefore *Flames, Flames,
Flames of fire is prepared by the Lord to consume you as dry stubble*;
In the Light of the eternal God I have beheld you and all
your actions, and take them all together, and Rake the
pit of confusion, and bind up your stuff in a bundle, and
indeed there is no paralel nor never was, that ever I
could read of, or hear amongst any Ministers, Christian, or
Antichristian, or amongst sober Trades-men, or Artists
whatsoever, but you out-strip all of them in your way of
wickedness; if I should paralel you with *Salvage Beasts*, I
could not truely do it, I think be they never so fierce, for
they stand in kind, Beasts of prey, answereth the end of
their Creation, and so doth all other Creatures of the
Salvage kind; but men of prey such as you are, is quit
out of kind, and not to be paraleld by any thing that
draweth breath; Oh what shall I say of you, *I have
seen you, I have seen you, in the eternal, and you are the poorest
Creatures that hath Communion with the* Common *ayre*; every
Creature answereth the end of his Creation but man, yet

notwithſtanding as man is in the ſimplicity found, there is a remedy for him; but for you the worſt of men, Oh full of all ſubtilty, Children generated of the ſeed of deceit, brought forth out of the womb of wickedneſs, & nouriſhed up at the breaſts of witch-craft, & rocked in the cradle of Idleneſs, *wo is me for you, for the day which I ſee is comming upon you from the Lord, and all them that you have made drunk, by putting your bottle of Poyſon to their noſes, who have drunk deep, and ſo are become one in nature with you; it had been better you had never been born, It had been better for you, that you had been ſtrangled in your Mothers Wombs, and ſtill births had been preſented to them, then Living Children into their Armes*; Oh what ſhall I ſay concerning you, *Gods everlaſting decree is Sealed againſt you, burnings, burnings, burnings, with unquenchable fire is your portion from the Lord God of Heaven and Earth*, whoſe pure ſpirit you have long grieved; Oh how have you been warned, admoniſhed, exhorted, and reproved, and in true love to your ſouls, by the Servants of the Lord, of the day which is even coming upon you, and you have not taken warning of them, but for their love you have rewarded them with whippings, ſtocks, and impriſonments, and ſpoyl of goods, and ſome loſs of life, whoſe blood is treaſured up againſt the day of your account; dreadfull will it be to you for there is no covering found for you, neither refuge to fly unto, it is the hand of the Lord that hath ſearched you out, and there is no reſiſting of it; Oh it is the hand of the Lord that is ſtrong and mighty, And Oh that men that are brought forth in time, ſtands in time, and ends in time, ſhould contend with eternity; did ever the leſſer comprehend the greater, ſpeak and anſwer, if not, then how dare you preſume to frame and invent a worſhip to the eternal God, and under the name of *Goſpel-worſhip*, and *Chriſtian Miniſtry*; is he worſhipped in Temples made with hands, or *Stone-houſes*, falſely by you *called Churches*, or think you your *Altars* and turned *Pillars* called *Railes*,

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your *Organs*, your *Singing-Men*, and *Boyes*, with *Surplices*, *Tippits*, *Scarffs*, *Long Garments*, *and Girdles*, with your invented *prayer* called *Common*, with your preaching, and the best of your sacrifices, enters into the ears of the eternal God; (nay) you are highly mistaken, *A pure God* must have pure praise, God praises God; his praise and worship for ever and ever, is from *thee* unto *thee*; now if you cannot read this, let your mouths for ever be stopped; and cease your Invented Instruments for worship, for an evil Savour doth your sacrifices send forth, even a loathing to the *Lord* God of Heaven and *Earth*; but the God which you Imagine, let him be worshipped according to your Imaginations and inventions; and think not to mock the *Eternal God* by your Devices; I tell you again, as *I* have said, it is *Spirit* and not *Art*, except you will dare to presume to make the Lord God any thing else but a *Spirit*, if you do, you are Blasphemers in the highest degree: *Oh I have seen eternity, I have seen eternity*, and a dreadfull day is very near at hand to be revealed, *Oh the overflowing scourge, Oh the Besome of destruction, Oh the plague and vengeance that is to be powred upon the wicked in this Nation, both Priest and People; howl, howl, Hireling Priests of all Orders, for the Wine-Press of the wrath of God Almighty is even near to be trod, into which you are to be cast, for the Lord God hath spoken it, and he will not repent*; a trebble portion, a trebble portion of the Plagues of God Almighty, are you to have above all others; Just, Holy, and True, Art thou God eternal that hath thus judged, and thy judgements are holy, just, and true, *Praises*, *Praises* from the immortal pure seed, in all thine be given unto thee for ever and for ever.

What more shall I say of you, Oh you miserable & most wretched! you have been the ring-leaders to blood-shed, you have been the ring-leaders to persecution, your hands are full of it; You have been the men that hath spurred on the Magistrate, to lay violent and cruel hands on the Innocent, when many times they would not have

done it, and you have given them no reſt, till they have fulfilled and ſatisfied your bloody minds; and very few of you, but have *changed* with every *change*, you have ſerved every Power, & have been true to none; Oh moſt deceitful! you have in all theſe overtures and changes, which hath been wrought in theſe Nations, of late years, Kept your heads above the water, and have floated along with the ſtreams when many who have gone hand in hand with you, hath ſunk in every change, and eſpecially this late; Oh! what ſhall I ſay, my bowels, my bowels, I bear a burden for you, which I cannot utter; Oh! your deceitful flatterie; Oh! how have you blaſphemed God, and hath aſcribed to man, *whoſe breath is in his Noſtrils*, that which belongeth not unto him, eſpecially if he ſtands in his unregenerated eſtate; Had, and have you not curſed ends in this? Anſwer, Are, or were they ſo as you beſpeak, and do beſpeak them to be? One thing I aſſuredly know, that the Powers ſince, and the Powers preſent, never ſaid ſo of themſelves, whatever they thought and think, as you ſaid, and ſay; And all for the ſake of your God, which is your Belly; Did not many of you to the Powers gone, aſcribe names, to them that they never knew nor witneſſed the Life in the leaſt, of whom you ſpake? And do you not now aſcribe to the *chief Power*, that which I am ſure he calls not himſelf? As *the expreſſe Image of the Heavenly Father*; Witneſſe your *Surry* addreſſe to him, ſigned by ſo many Doctors of D. St. of. D.* as you call your ſelves; Now was ever any called *the expreſſe Image of the Heavenly Father*, but Chriſt Jeſus? And think you the *chief Magiſtrate* of theſe Nations, doth not ſee your ends, and your flatteries in this, and many other things? I am perſwaded, when ever his mind comes truly to be turned, to that which is juſt of God *in him*, He will ſee you to be even ſo as I have ſaid, the greateſt *Sycophants*, and Flaterers, that lives in theſe Nations; Wo, wo, wo, unto you, for you

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you are of that Generation, upon whom all the Righteous blood, from *Abel*, even to this day, have been charged; *Oh! dreadful God, muſt it be ſo that thy decree which thou haſt ſealed, muſt come to paſſe, and be fulfilled in this Generation; And muſt theſe fill up the cup of their great Grand-fathers*, Bonner and Gardener, &c. *By powring out the blood of thy dear purchaſed Lambs in this Generation;* (If ſo) *Thy will Infinite God be done, and Glorifie thy ſelf in what thou haſt decreed, Eternal God, for thou art right worthy to be Feared, Praiſed, Honoured, and Glorified, of all thy Children and dear Lambs, for ever and for ever.*

But certainly know this, it muſt be your bloody Sacrifice, which you will offer, *viz.* The *Lambs of Jeſus*, That will ſink you into the Pit of Eternal deſtruction; for your next fall will be as the fall *of a Milſtone into the Sea*, (Read that) GOD ETERNAL *hath ſpoken it, and I faithfully believe it, and moſt of you are the men muſt perform it, and ſhall ſee it, and feel it, before you go away from hence, and be no more ſeen.*

And as for me, an object of the living mercy of the Eternal God, who as *a brand pluckt out of the fire*, and as a Fowl that narrowly eſcapes *the Fowlers net*, ſo I, even I, am brought out of your confuſion and ſorcery, *Praiſes, praiſes*, be given to the Imortal God, from thy pure ſeed in me, and all, for ever, and for ever; And by thy pure Power am I made to ſtand a witneſſe, againſt all falſe teachers, both in *England*, and the reſt of the Nations whatſoever, in my meaſure, and by whatſoever names they are called and diſtinguiſhed, being all out of the Life and Truth; And rage not againſt me becauſe of my teſtimony here written; for I have laid you to your line, & ſtretched it over you, and if you fall ſhort, let that riſe in you, that will ſhew you the cauſe; And I have compared you with your example mentioned in Scripture, *viz.* *Chriſti-*

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an Miniſters, And anſwering not them, you have reaſon to be ſilent, and ſtop your mouths, and ſit down contented, to be ranked and paralel'd with them that lived the ſame life, that you are found in; For to compare you with ſuch, is truth, and no ſlander; and ſo I finiſh this my Teſtimony concerning you.

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